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## MARRIAGE OF 16 YEAR OLD GIRL ANNULLED

Hazel May Krog Says She  
Didn't Realize Serious-  
ness of Ceremony

## HUSBAND OF YOUNG BRIDE WAS ONLY 19

Judge Burpee In Superior  
Court Gives Decision After  
Hearing Girl's Story

On the ground that she was only 16 years old and too young to appreciate the seriousness of wedded bliss, Hazel May Krog, a pretty Stamford girl, this morning obtained an annulment of her marriage to Edward H. Krog of Altona, Fla.

Judge Burpee in the superior court gave the decision after hearing Hazel tell her story.

She testified that in May, 1913, she met the defendant and he induced her to get married in Stamford. The girl claimed she did not really understand the ceremony. She and Krog, who was only 19 years old, lived together about five months and then, realizing their mistake, determined to separate. They have not lived together since. Mrs. Krog's maiden name was Hazel Phillips. Since the separation Krog has gone to Florida, but the girl bride still makes her home in Stamford.

Another divorce action heard by Judge Burpee today is the suit of Frances E. Holmes against Arthur G. Holmes. The court granted the decree on the ground of habitual intemperance. Mrs. Holmes was also given the custody of two minor children. The wife, whose maiden name was Frances Brown, married the defendant October 23, 1905.

## WILSON DECLINES NOMINATION FROM BULL MOOSE HERE

Lynn W. Wilson today declined the nomination for representative which was tendered him by the Progressive party of Bridgeport. Mr. Wilson, who has always advocated that those taking part in contests in caucuses or conventions should abide by the result, does not feel at liberty to run as an independent.

Mr. Wilson does not desire to incur in any degree the chances of returning to Congress from this district, a congressman in sympathy with the policies of the president, Woodrow Wilson.

Continuing their campaign activities in this county the Progressives of Bridgeport will hold a noon-day show rally at the Locomobile factory tomorrow at which George F. Shepard of Bethel, will speak. Prof. Willard C. Fisher, candidate for governor on the Progressive ticket and Attorney General John H. Light, who is the Progressive candidate for re-election, will be the principal speakers at a mammoth rally to be arranged on November 2, the eve of election day. Horace H. Jackson of Bridgeport, candidate for state senator at a rally in Danbury, Thursday night. George A. Romani, member of the Progressive state central committee from Danbury will also speak.

## MERIDEN BANKER'S CASE IS SETTLED

Hartford, Oct. 14.—In the superior court today, by agreement of counsel, judgment for \$6,449 and costs was entered against George M. Lucas, one-time of Meriden, in favor of the American Surety Company, of New York, by order of Judge Edwin E. Cagney. Lucas was treasurer of the City Savings Bank of Meriden prior to 1911. A shortage was discovered in his accounts and he was sent to prison, serving nearly two years from May 14, 1912, to May 14, 1914. His present whereabouts are unknown.

The surety company was sued by the bank on its bond of \$20,000 and \$4,991 was recovered. Then the company brought suit against Lucas.

## GATES ARE ORDERED AT BERLIN CROSSING

Hartford, Oct. 14.—The public utilities commission today ordered the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company to install gates at the crossing in Berlin on the Middle-town-Berlin branch line at which spot Mrs. William G. Brown and two children, of New Haven, met death on September 19, when their auto, driven by Prof. Brown, the husband and father, collided with an electric train. The order, which was incorporated in a report of the fatality based on the report of Engineer C. C. Elwell, of the commission, gives the railroad company until November 3 to install the gates. It is also ordered that such trains be operated during such hours as trains of any kind are passing.

ERECTS \$15,000 BUILDING.

Louis M. Smilnow of 374 State street has let the contract for the erection of a six-apartment three-story tenement house on Kosuth street, near East Washington avenue to the Greenpoint Kalamien Road Co. Notice to this effect has been filed in the town clerk's office. The structure is to cost \$15,000.

## OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD, URGES RE-ELECTION OF JEREMIAH DONOVAN

Hon. Zalmon Goodsell of this city has received a personal letter from the Hon. Oscar Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means committee and the Democratic leader of the House, with respect to the candidacy of Congressman Jeremiah Donovan for re-election which testifies eloquently to the worth of the faithful public servant of the Fourth district in supporting the policies of President Wilson.

The Democratic leader who has faithfully attended to his public duties for the past 18 months realizes that he had no stronger or stauncher supporter than the congressman from the Fourth district of Connecticut. Leader Underwood's letter to Mr. Goodsell follows:

Washington, Oct. 9, 1914.  
Hon. Zalmon Goodsell,  
Bridgeport, Conn.

My Dear Mr. Goodsell:—I write this letter to express to you my hope that the Hon. Jeremiah Donovan will be returned to Congress in the election on the third day of next November. Mr. Donovan is an earnest worker, and is always found at his post of duty. He is a loyal Democrat and has rendered splendid service to the state of Connecticut in this congress. I feel that it would be a loss to my house, as well as to his constituency, for him not to be returned.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
(Signed) O. W. UNDERWOOD.

## BRIDGEPORT TRUST CO. RE-ELECTS ALL PRESENT OFFICERS

Three New Positions Will  
Be Filled By H. M. Lyon,  
W. F. Wheeler and M. S.  
Lacey.

D. Fairchild Wheeler was re-elected president of the Bridgeport Land & Title Company, at the annual meeting of stockholders yesterday. Other officers elected are: Egbert Marsh, vice president; Alvin H. Hancock, treasurer; Clifford W. Marsh, secretary; Herbert M. Lyon, assistant secretary; William F. Wheeler, assistant secretary; Milton S. Lacey, title officer; directors, D. Fairchild Wheeler, Egbert Marsh, Francis W. Marsh, Herbert M. Lyon, Horace B. Merwin, Edmund H. Jackson, Clifford W. Marsh, Willard C. Fisher, Milton S. Lacey and Alvin H. Hancock.

With the exception of the two assistant secretaries and the title officer, all of the present officers were re-elected. The business of the concern has increased so materially that it was deemed advisable to create the three new officers in order to facilitate the handling of the various departments. Mr. Lacey, who has been associated with the company since the inception of the title searching and guaranteeing department some years ago, will, with Mr. Wheeler, the new assistant secretary, conduct this branch of the business under the supervision of Vice President Marsh.

Through his long experience in the local real estate field, Mr. Wheeler is well qualified for this work.

Mr. Lyon, upon whom devolves the conduct of the casualty department, has been connected with the corporation for ten years, and is well known in business circles. He has had charge of the surety bonds, compensation, automobile, and liability lines for some time past.

The treasurer's report showed the company to be in a first class condition financially, and it is one of the most prosperous concerns of its kind in New England, handling real estate, rents and insurance of all kinds. During the past year, the capital stock of the corporation has been increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 making a surplus of approximately a quarter of a million dollars, which ranks the company as the largest and oldest in Connecticut.

The work on the new building located at 73-77 Main street in course of construction for the company, is progressing rapidly, and it is confidently expected that then will be in their new home about December 1.

## Non-Corroding Metal Co. Stock In Dispute

A dispute about the sale of stock of the Non-Corroding Metal Co., a local concern, was heard this morning by Judge Burpee in the superior court. Judge E. K. Nicholson is seeking to recover 3 shares of stock, valued at \$15 each, from Louis C. Smith. The claim to the stock was assigned by Edward Bursey to Judge Nicholson. It is alleged that Smith violated an agreement but Smith denies this. Judge Burpee reserved decision.

## Refused Invitation: Woman Says Was Hit

Because she refused an invitation to go out for a good time, Jadwega Sakowicz, a married woman of 98 Oregon street, alleges she was assaulted by Samuel Fisher of this city. She has brought suit for \$1,000, according to papers filed today in the common pleas court. The plaintiff says the invitation was given August 26 last. On the evening in question Fisher went to the plaintiff's home and found her alone, she alleges. She declares she was greatly humiliated by the experience.

## THE WEATHER

Unsettled, probably showers tonight or Thursday.

# GERMANS RESUME OFFENSIVE IN PLAN TO FIGHT THEIR WAY TO THE SEACOAST; PORTUGAL REPORTED READY FOR WAR

## MRS. GERNERT IS GAINING STRENGTH

Robert Seeley, Still Suffering Shock, Will Testify This Week

Danbury, Oct. 14.—The condition of Mrs. Frank C. Gernert, of Bridgeport, who was seriously injured in an auto accident at Newtown last Wednesday night, when the car of Robert C. Seeley, of Bridgeport, overturned, shows improvement today with increased indications of returning consciousness.

Mrs. Gernert has a severe fracture of the skull and has been in an unconscious condition since she was removed from beneath the car.

Robert C. Seeley, of 225 Brooklawn avenue, paying teller of the First-Bridgeport National Bank, and driver of the ill-fated touring car that overturned on the state highway near Newtown on October 7, resulting in the death of Mrs. Robert C. Seeley and Frank C. Gernert, will be called to testify before Coroner John J. Phelan, Friday or Saturday.

Because of the seriousness of Mr. Seeley's condition, Coroner Phelan postponed taking a statement from him today.

Dr. Thomas L. Ellis, who has been treating Mr. Seeley, told Coroner Phelan today that he might question the patient the latter part of this week.

This will close the investigation, unless the findings may be withheld until the recovery or death of Mrs. Frank C. Gernert, now confined to the Danbury hospital.

A notice was posted in police headquarters from Secretary of State Phillips today, stating that the operator's license of Mr. Seeley had been suspended indefinitely. The action is a formal one.

## SPEAKERS AT FIRST FALL DINNER OF MANUFACTURERS

## SUES CONN. CO. FOR WAGON AND HARNESS DAMAGED

Judge Scott in the common pleas court today heard testimony on the suit of the New Haven Rendering Co. of New Haven, against the Connecticut Co. The action is to recover \$125 for a wagon and harness alleged to have been damaged when the wagon was struck by a trolley car in Stratford. The company denies negligence. Judge Scott reserved decision.

## DISPUTE BILL FOR KILLING STRAY CATS

The health commissioners have decided that they have no funds to devote to the killing of stray cats, other than through the medium of their regularly salaried officers, and have informed the Bridgeport animal rescue league to this effect. The question was raised upon the receipt of a bill of \$6.25, for the killing of 11 cats. The commissioners say that they did not ask the organization to kill the cats, nor authorize them to do so. On the other hand they understood that the organization wished to be informed of stray and homeless animals and that their object was to give them a merciful end.

## LEOPOLD-BEGLEY

Miss Grace Begley of 681 Norman street and Mr. Arthur Leopold of 20 Wallace street, are to be married this evening in the rectory of St. Augustin's R. C. church, by the Rev. Father Kennedy. Both Miss Begley and Leopold are popular among a large number of friends who wish their unlimited good fortune in their married life. The groom is employed at the Singer Manufacturing Co.

## ASSOCIATED CHARITIES AIDING RED CROSS

The members of the Associated Charities are preparing barrels to be sent to the Red Cross society to aid the war sufferers in Europe. Garments of any size, whether for men, women or children, will be acceptable and these may be sent or left at the Hall Home. Donors may also leave their names that their gifts may be properly acknowledged. All clothes must be new according to the stipulations of the Red Cross society.

## REPORTED GERMAN SUCCESSES IN FRANCE VIGOROUSLY DENIED IN PARIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Paris, Oct. 14.—3:10 p. m.—The following official announcement was given out in Paris this afternoon:

"In the Belgian field of operations there were some encounters during the night of October 12-13 and during the day of the 13th, in the region around Ghent, English and French troops have occupied Ypres."

"First: On our left wing as far as the Oise, the operations are developing normally."

"Second: On the center previous reports of the progress of our armies in the region of Berry-Au-Bac have been confirmed."

"Third: On our right wing there is nothing to report."

"While it is not our custom to reply to the inaccuracies of the German press, it seems to us proper to denounce the false news published in certain German newspapers concerning the pretended destruction of two divisions of French cavalry. This information is absolutely erroneous. The truth is that certain forces of French cavalry, engaged with supports, have been engaged for several days along the front at La Bassée, Estaires and Bailleul. The German cavalry succeeded in making a very slight advance before the cavalry of the La Bassée and the Lys, but they were obliged to draw back in the territory north of the Lys."

"The losses sustained by the German cavalry are assuredly as perceptible as our own. One of the German divisions suffered particularly because it was pursued during the entire day by our aviators who did not

cease to throw bombs down upon the German troops."

"Another case is the fact that the Germans announce that they are undertaking the investment of Verdun. In this instance also, to learn the truth, it is sufficient to refer to the situation as set forth on several different occasions in the French official communications. The Germans have not succeeded, up to the present time, in hurling themselves against the fortified position of Verdun. They have, however, made two futile efforts to enveloped at a considerable distance, the French forces which are operating around Verdun. One of these efforts was characterized by their attempt to go through the Argonne forest between Buzeyville and Variennes. It is reported that this movement failed with very important losses. We did not even announce at the time that two German battalions had been annihilated in the engagement. The other German movement, on the part of the Germans, undertaken in much greater numerical strength, was directed toward crossing the Meuse in the region of Mithel. If the Germans succeeded in reaching this point, the front between Mithel and Chauvencourt all their efforts to advance further resulted in failure. These German forces found themselves caught on the flank by detachments of our troops which advanced from the south to the north through the southern section of the heights of the Meuse and through the southern section of the Woivre district."

## ADVENTISTS SAYS BIBLE PREDICTED 'WAR OF WORLD'

Waterbury, Oct. 14.—That the European war was the monster struggle predicted by the Bible, and that the Bible had been looked for by them as presaging the beginning of the end, the second coming of the Saviour, bringing final peace was the statement made by Rev. A. C. Johnson, of Westfield, Mass., in an address to the delegates assembled in Waterbury for the second day of the session of the 48th annual conference of the convention of the Western Massachusetts Adventists. The election of officers took place at the morning session today, the following officers being re-elected:

President, Rev. Henry Stone, Wallingford, Conn.; vice-president, Rev. A. C. Johnson, Westfield, Mass.; secretary and treasurer, Rev. A. Ellis, Danbury.

To the ministerial committee were elected Rev. George R. Tyler, Bristol, and Rev. James Gardner, of Bridgeport; and to the mission committee, Rev. Thomas Felman, Waterbury, Rev. Stephen Hooker, New Milford, and Mr. Frederick Hovaverson, Springfield, Mass. A total of 64 delegates was registered today, of which 13 are ministers.

## TAX ON MEDICINE OUT OF WAR BILL

Washington, Oct. 14.—Proposed taxation of proprietary medicines in the war revenue bill was ordered stricken out today by the Democrats of the Senate finance committee. Reports had come of general opposition throughout the country and Majority Leader Underwood and other members of the House ways and means committee had given notice that the House would not agree to a tax on "the poor man's medicine."

Members of the committee, however, did not include the elimination of the proposed tax on perfumes, cosmetics and chewing gum, which had been added to the House bill.

## ARIZONA MILITIA ON WAY TO NACO

Naco, Oct. 14.—When informed that Governor Hunt had ordered the Arizona militia prepared to proceed to Naco, Col. C. A. P. Hatfield, commander of the United States cavalry brigade on border duty, said he would keep militiamen out of the danger zone, the same as other non-resident civilians.

There was no fighting last night or early today between the forces of Carranza Aytona, of Sonora, and the Carranza garrison.

## NEED BOOK CASE FOR PROTECTIVE HOME

At a meeting of the directors of Bridgeport Protective association yesterday afternoon at the home, 531 Myrtle avenue, Miss Katherine Hewitt, superintendent, reported that a number of worthy cases have been assisted. It was announced that a bookcase and sewing material are urgently needed.

## An Unofficial Dispatch From Lisbon Says German Minister Has Gone To Madrid And That War Against Germany Is Imminent --- Allies' Right Wing Under Battering At- tack By Germans Near French Frontier

The attempt of the Germans to crush the right wing of the allies in the old French province of Picardy continues with little to indicate the course of the battle.

This afternoon's French official statement says that the operations of the allies, so far as the Oise, are developing normally.

Of scarcely less importance and with the same ultimate object in view is the move of the Germans from Antwerp to reach the coast. The definition of this situation has been revealed. Paris announces that there was fighting in the region of Ghent and that English and French troops have occupied Ypres, 30 miles southwest of Bruges.

A report from The Hague is that 50,000 Germans have entered Ghent, a large number of them later leaving for Bruges with the purpose of continuing to Ostend.

A despatch from Ostend says that only a few Belgian and British remain in Ostend, indicating that the allied armies have gone east to meet the oncoming Germans.

A Petrograd despatch says there is a great battle between the Russians and the Austro-German forces being waged along the Vistula at points not revealed.

The Germans made an aeroplane attack on Nancy, on Tuesday, hitting a railroad train and injuring three persons. It is reported from Berlin that the Germans are preparing to attack the French fortified city of Belfort.

Madrid sends a report from Lisbon that Portugal has declared war on Germany. It is not confirmed.

The former German cruisers, Breslau and Goeben which were sold to Turkey are said to have appeared in the Black Sea.

The British ambassador at Constantinople has requested the women of the embassy to leave on Monday, according to a despatch from Amsterdam.

## PORTUGAL DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY, LONDON HEARS

London, Oct. 14.—A Central News despatch today from Madrid says it is reported in Lisbon that Portugal has declared war against Germany. The message, which looks like official confirmation, is published in Madrid with all reserve.

Cabling from Lisbon, the correspondent of the Central News says it is reported that the minister and other Germans residing in Lisbon are about to leave for Madrid.

As a result of cabinet meetings conferences between the leaders of various Portuguese parties and the president of the republic, the correspondent continues, it has been resolved to convoke the congress Friday, Oct. 16, in order to pass a vote for the mobilization of Portuguese troops.

London, Oct. 14.—Out of the mass of wholly irreconcilable assertions regarding the war in Europe, emerges the seemingly irrefutable fact that the Germans are engaged in attempting to repeat the rapid sweeping movement of five weeks ago, took them almost to the gates of Paris.

In order to strengthen his forces in this vicinity General Von Kluck has thrown an entire army corps into Lille.

## AEROPLANE BATTLE THRILLS SOLDIERY HIGH FINANCING MAX'S UNDOING

Paris, Oct. 14.—The activity of German aeroplanes over Paris has brought up a general discussion of the value of these machines in warfare and a recital of thrilling aerial duels between French and German machines. One French corps commander is quoted as having said that, in his opinion, a single aeroplane was as valuable as a division of cavalry.

Aeroplanes are of the greatest service in preventing surprises and few important movements of troops have been made which have not been promptly detected by aerial scouts.

A daring encounter took place recently between a German monoplane and a French biplane during a critical moment in the execution of an important maneuver north of the river Oise. The German machine was seen sailing over the French lines just before the soldiers were to start on a movement north. For the success of this maneuver it was vital that this sentry of the air be removed and a French biplane undertook the responsibility.

After a thrilling series of maneuvers the biplane opened fire on the German machine and set it crashing with its occupants to the earth.

## MAX'S UNDOING

London, Oct. 14.—"The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger gives a new version as to why Burgomaster Max, of Brussels, is being detained by the Germans in the fortress at Namur," says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company. He says:

"The paper says that the burgomaster paid in cash \$700,000 of the \$10,000,000 demanded by the Germans and gave bonds for the remainder up to \$4,000,000 which later he refused to redeem. The remaining \$6,000,000 he refused to consider. This resulted in his detention. It is added that the committee of sheriffs which is now administering the affairs of the town has agreed to redeem the bonds and to compromise on \$4,000,000 more as settling the matter."

London, Oct. 14.—In a despatch from The Hague the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says, the Austrian delegation at The Hague announces that the Russians have evacuated Lemberg, Galicia, after a fierce fight. Lemberg has been in possession of the Russians since shortly after the beginning of the Galician campaign.